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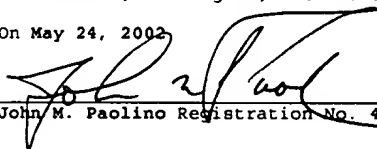
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For: Method and Apparatus for
Controlling a Stream of
Liquid Test Packages in a
Capsule Chemistry System

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Applicant submits the following Amendment and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2001. Please cancel claims 53 and 54 without prejudice and substitute claims 52 as follows:

52. A method for controlling a stream of liquid and air segments, comprising:
selectively aspirating liquid segments and air segments into